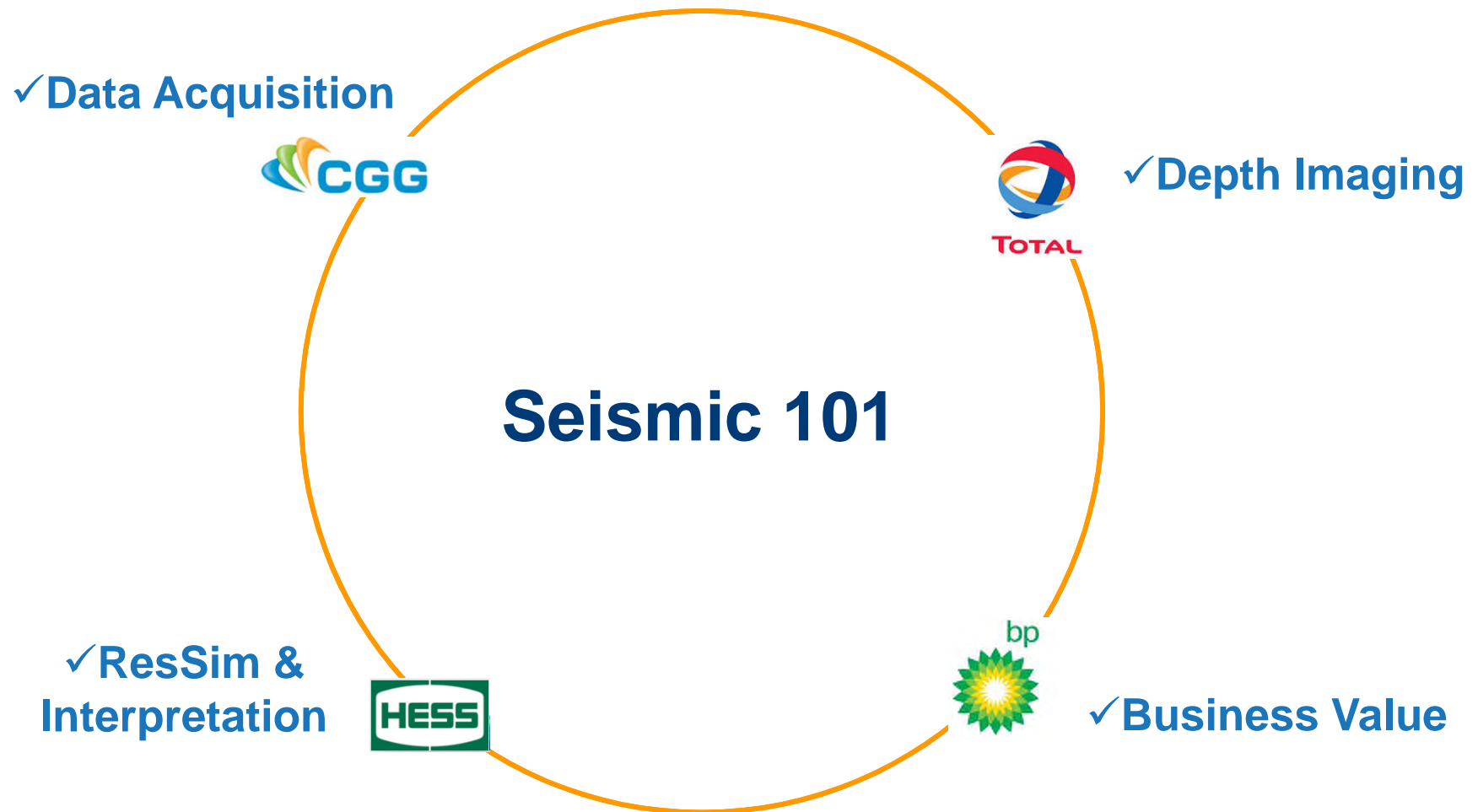


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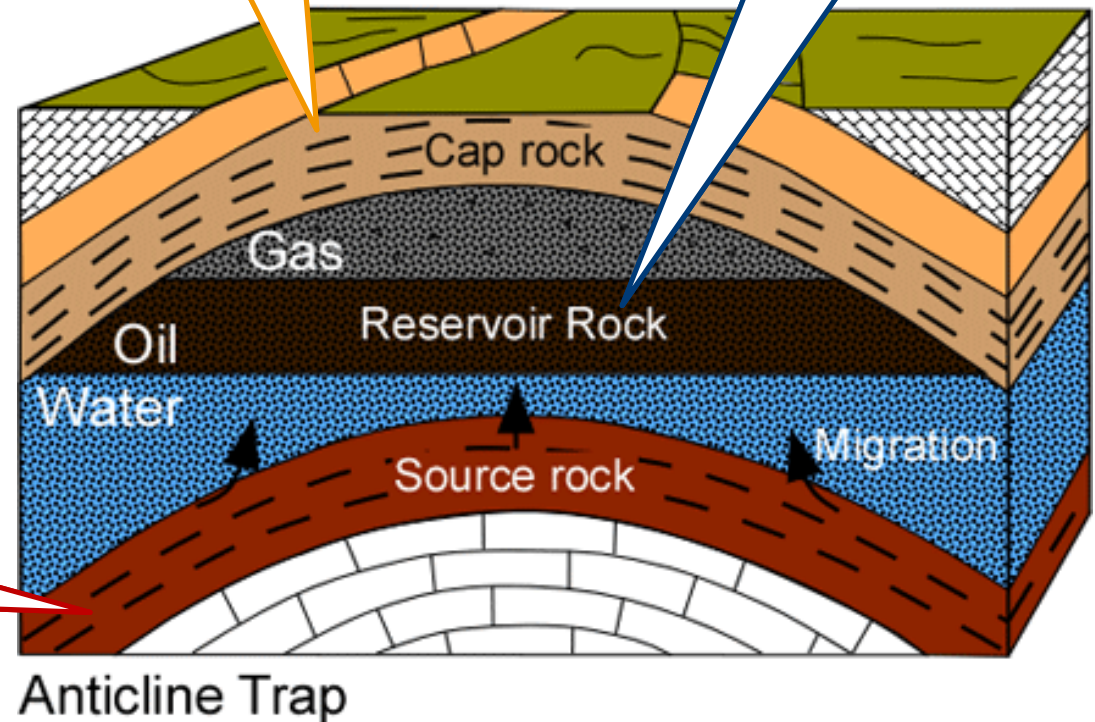


EARTH IMAGING: GEOLOGY

At about 60 degrees Celsius, oil begins to form in the source rock due to the thermogenic breakdown (cracking) of organic matter (kerogen).

The *oil window* is a temperature dependant interval in the subsurface where oil is generated and expelled from the source rocks. The oil window is often found in the 60-120 degree Celsius interval (aprox. 2-4 km depth), while the corresponding *gas window* is found in the 100-200+ degree Celsius interval (3-6 km depth).

After expulsion from the source rock, the oil/gas (lighter than water) migrates upwards through permeable rocks (sandstones) or fractures until they are stopped by a tight, non-permeable layer of rock, like a shale. If hydrocarbons get trapped in a subsurface, geological structure, they may be produced from a hydrocarbon accumulation (reservoir) through an oil well. If not trapped, the hydrocarbons may eventually migrate up to the surface, where they can be seen as seeps.

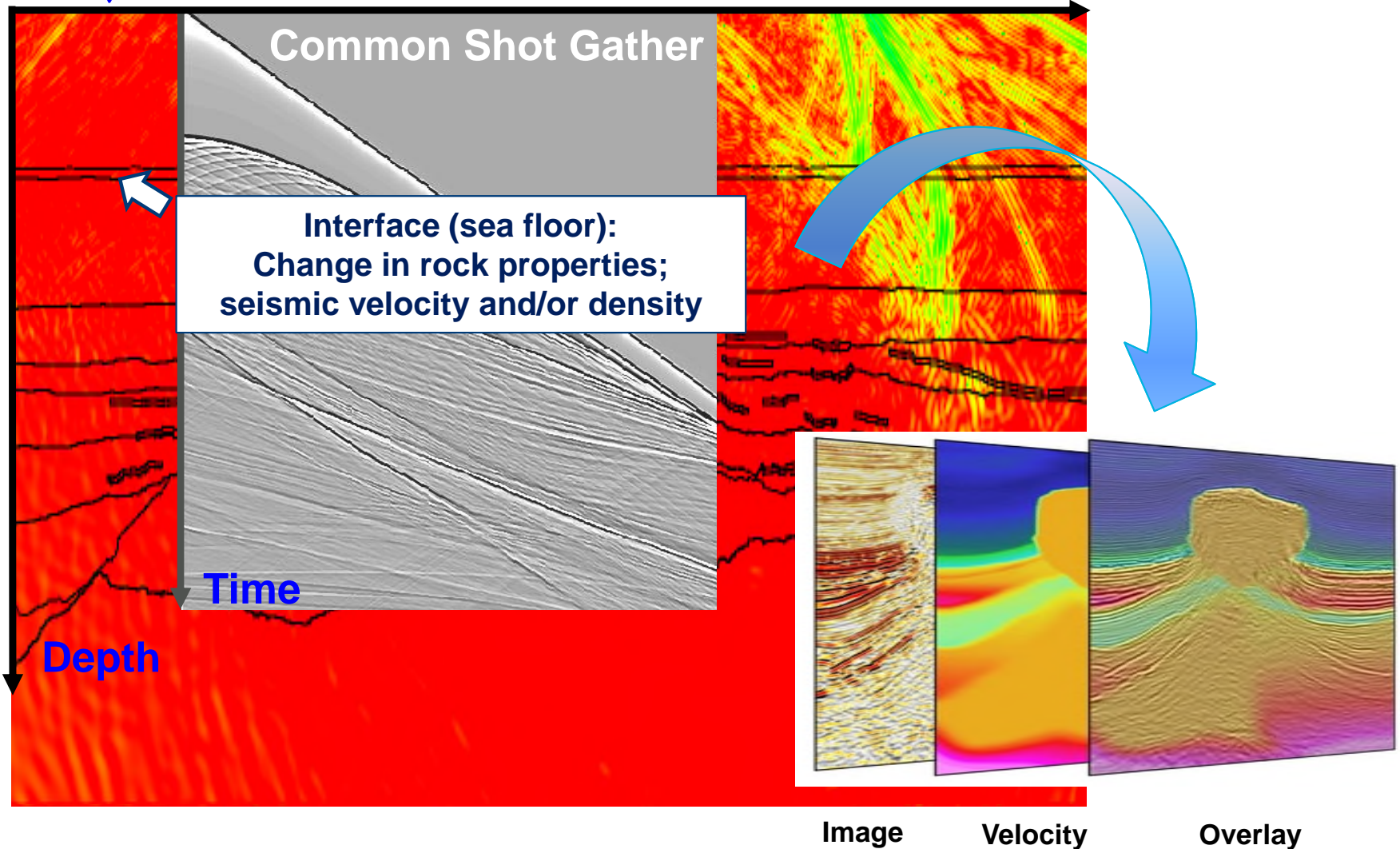


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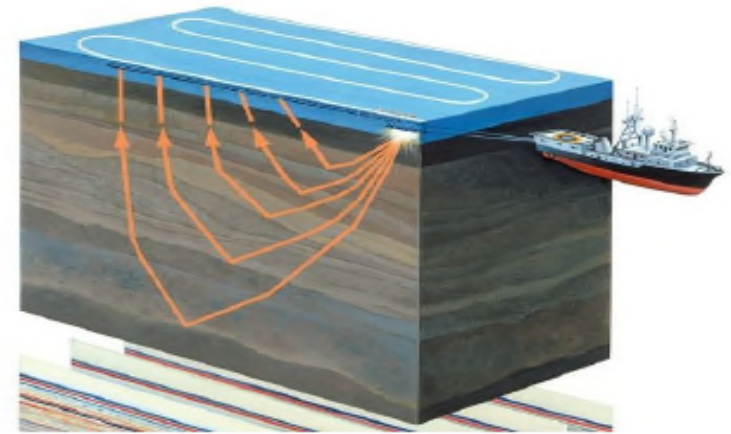
Boat, aka Seismic Vessel

Source 7-10 km (5 mi.) 5k Receivers

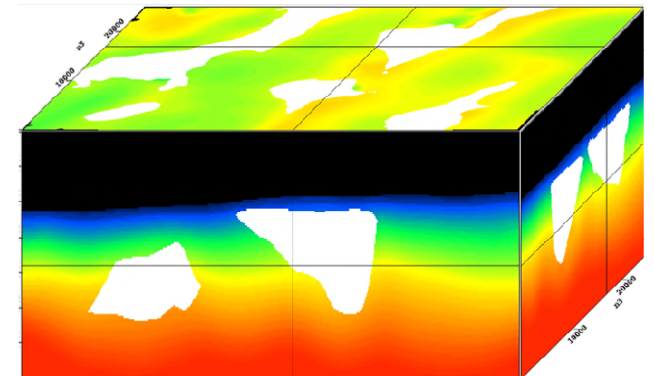
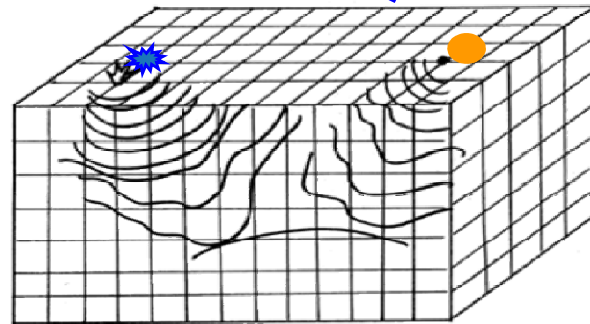
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EARTH IMAGING: PROCESSING



= Migration (Data, Model)



HPC + Numerical Methods

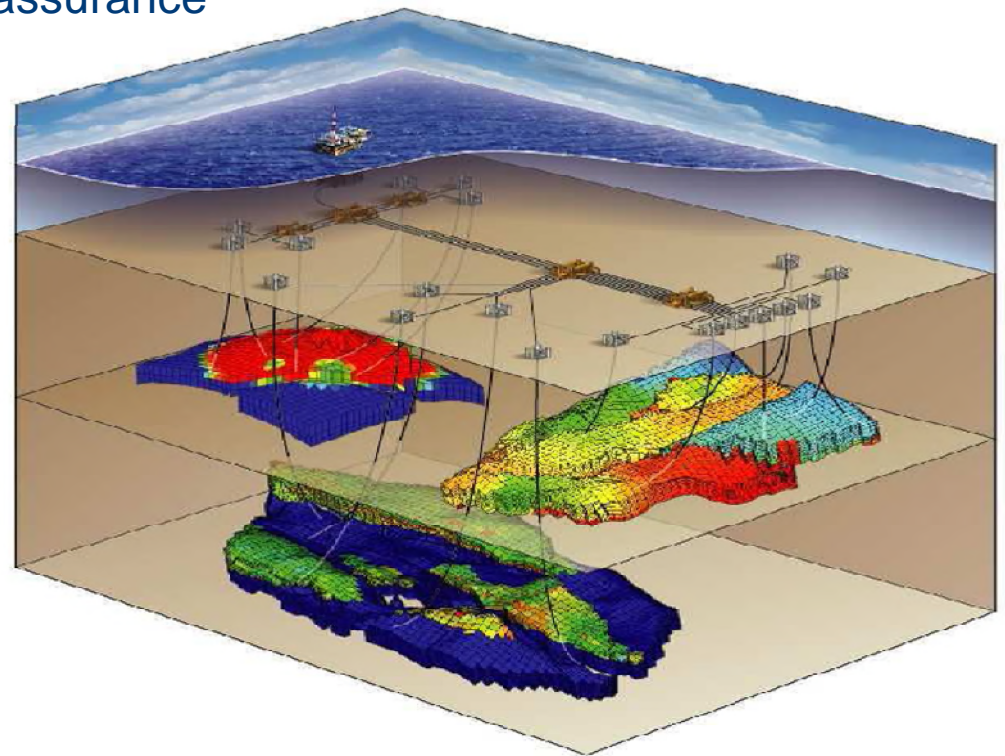
INTERPRETATION & RESERVOIR SIMULATION

□ Interpretation

- ✓ 100s to 1,000s of technical computing workstations
- ✓ A plethora of applications and utilities in the workflow

□ Reservoir Simulation

- ✓ Well behavior prediction and flow assurance
- ✓ Tight coupling to memory
- ✓ Weak scaling
- ✓ Toward large Giga-models



HPC TRENDS & NEEDS FOR OIL & GAS UPSTREAM

❑ Acquisition: **Order of Magnitude**

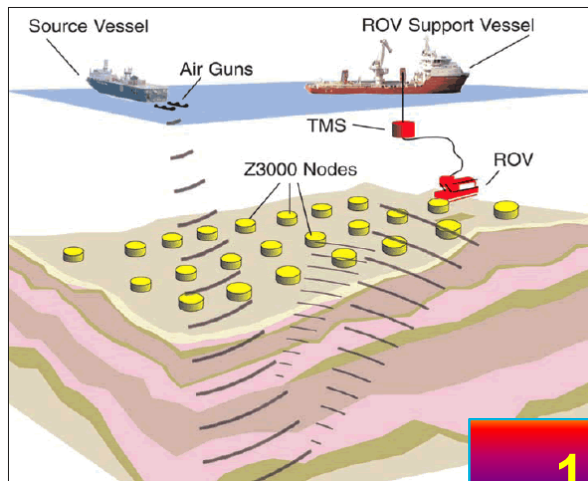
✓ Increased, Denser, Multi-component, 4D ...Data

❑ Imaging: **up to 3 Orders of Magnitude**

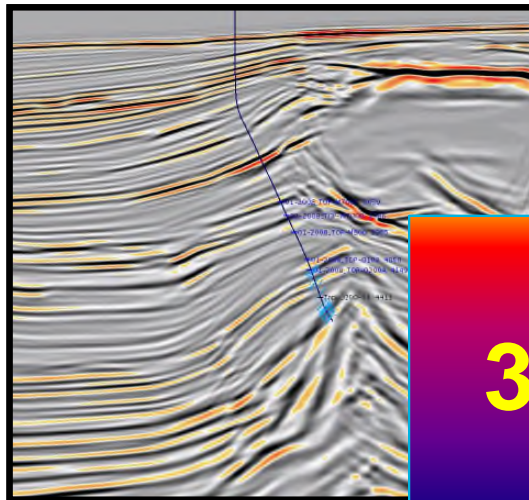
✓ More... Physics, Iterations, Models, Complex Approximations

❑ Simulation: **up to 2 Orders of Magnitude**

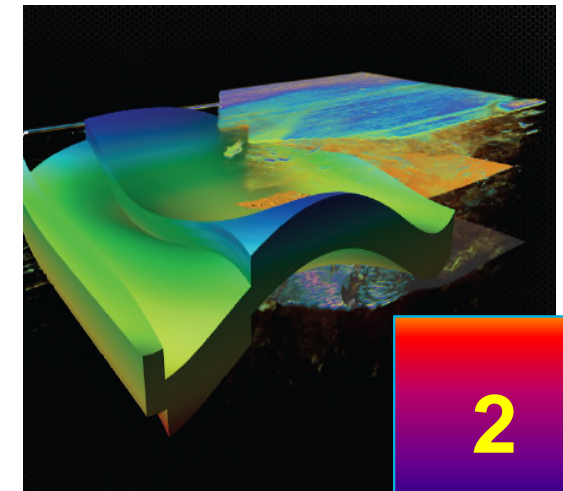
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